

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(19)

TO: Honorable Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: February 7, 2023

FROM: Geri Bonzon-Keenan
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to immediately allow County employees to contribute the monetary value of accrued holiday and annual leave time to the County's Emergency Disaster Relief Fund established by County Resolution No. R-1071-05 for the purpose of donating to Turkey and Syria earthquake relief efforts; directing the County Mayor to publicize and make available forms for County employees to complete in order to contribute said leave time; and directing the County Mayor to evaluate donation options, make a recommendation, and provide a report

Resolution No. R-99-23

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's present ____, 2/3 membership ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____, CDMP 7 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, CDMP 2/3 vote requirement per 2-116.1(3)(h) or (4)(c) ____, or CDMP 9 vote requirement per 2-116.1(4)(c)(2) ____ to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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2-7-23

RESOLUTION NO. _____ R-99-23

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO IMMEDIATELY ALLOW COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO CONTRIBUTE THE MONETARY VALUE OF ACCRUED HOLIDAY AND ANNUAL LEAVE TIME TO THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF FUND ESTABLISHED BY COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. R-1071-05 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DONATING TO TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE RELIEF EFFORTS; DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PUBLICIZE AND MAKE AVAILABLE FORMS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO COMPLETE IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE SAID LEAVE TIME; AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO EVALUATE DONATION OPTIONS, MAKE A RECOMMENDATION, AND PROVIDE A REPORT

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2023, two powerful earthquakes in southern Turkey and northern Syria killed more than 5,150 people, with many more still trapped under collapsed buildings; and

WHEREAS, the earthquakes destroyed thousands of homes and buildings, and cold weather and snowstorms have hampered relief efforts; and

WHEREAS, according to Turkey's Health Ministry, over 22,168 people were injured in the earthquakes and more than 8,000 rescued so far from under debris; and

WHEREAS, in Syria, the earthquakes killed more than 1,600 people in a region already hard-hit by the country's civil war; and

WHEREAS, the loss of power and ongoing freezing temperatures in both countries will make search and rescue efforts critical and will result in significant emergency relief needs in the areas affected by the earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, residents of Miami-Dade County have family members, friends, and business relationships with people who reside in Turkey and Syria; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has previously adopted resolutions to assist other communities devastated by natural disasters, including communities in: Haiti (Resolution No. R-844-21), Central America (Resolution No. R-1260-20), Puerto Rico and Australia (Resolution No. R-160-20), the Bahamas and the United States Atlantic coast (Resolution No. R-883-19), Florida (Resolution No. R-1091- 18), Guatemala (Resolution No. R-654-18), Florida, Texas and the Caribbean (Resolution No. R880-17), Colombia (Resolution No. R-460-17), Haiti and the Bahamas (Resolution No. R-923- 16), Ecuador (Resolution No. R-531-16), the Bahamas (Resolution Nos. R-883-19 and R-956-15), the Philippines (Resolution No. R-956-13), Louisiana, New Jersey, and New York (Resolution No. R-977-12), Haiti (Resolution No. R-01-10), Texas (Resolution No. R-1103-08), various Caribbean countries (Resolution No. R-972-08), and Jamaica (Resolution No. R-1031-07); and

WHEREAS, to provide a mechanism for providing assistance to other communities, this Board adopted County Resolution No. R-1071-05 for the purpose of establishing an Emergency Disaster Relief Fund so that County employees may contribute earned annual and holiday leave time to benefit victims of natural disasters and help rebuild communities affected by natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to permit contributions toward recovery and reconstruction efforts undertaken as a result of the impacts of the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to immediately allow County employees to contribute the monetary value of accrued holiday and annual leave

time to the County's Emergency Disaster Relief Fund established by County Resolution No. R-1071-05 for the purpose of donating to Turkey and Syria earthquake relief efforts.

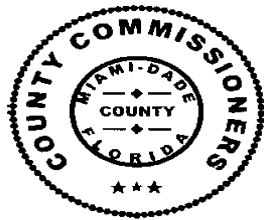
Section 2. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to publicize and make available forms for employees to complete in order to authorize said earned annual and holiday leave contributions. The authorization forms to be distributed by the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall include a statement that the Board of County Commissioners has approved contributions of earned annual and holiday leave time for the purpose of donating to Turkey and Syria earthquake relief efforts.

Section 3. Directs the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee to prepare a report identifying the total amount of funds donated by the employees of Miami-Dade County. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall also maintain possession of both the forms and funds received pursuant to this resolution, evaluate options, and make a recommendation for the donation of funds received pursuant to this resolution to be used exclusively to assist in Turkey and Syria earthquake relief efforts. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall provide the report to this Board within 30 days of the effective date of this resolution and place the completed report on an agenda of the full Board without committee review pursuant to rule 5.06(j) of the Board's Rules of Procedure.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Oliver G. Gilbert, III. It was offered by Commissioner **Anthony Rodriguez**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Eileen Higgins** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Oliver G. Gilbert, III, Chairman	aye		
Anthony Rodríguez, Vice Chairman	aye		
Marleine Bastien	aye	Juan Carlos Bermudez	aye
Kevin Marino Cabrera	aye	Sen. René García	aye
Roberto J. Gonzalez	aye	Keon Hardemon	aye
Danielle Cohen Higgins	aye	Eileen Higgins	aye
Kionne L. McGhee	aye	Raquel A. Regalado	aye
Micky Steinberg	aye		

The Chairperson thereupon declared this resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of February, 2023. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

LUIS G. MONTALDO, CLERK AD INTERIM

Basia Pruna

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Javier Zapata